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1. SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE ACTED ON FUNDS FOR TWO UPCOMING MAJOR CONFERENCES, DECIDING TO INFORM GA THAT ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS OF $352,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR UN CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC), AND $323,000 FOR THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. COMMITTEE BEGAN DISCUSSION OF ASPECTS OF STRIKE AT GENEVA, RECEIVED VARIOUS PROPOSAL BOTH ORAL AND WRITTEN, AND SUSPENDED DEBATE BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF QUORUN AND LATENESS OF HOUR. END SUMMARY

2. ITEM 97 - ASPECTS OF STRIKE AT UN OFFICE AT GENEVA. CANADA (HUNTER)

INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION (A/C.31.).36/REV.1) WHICH WOULD HAVE ICSC "CAUSE A SURVEY OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS IN GENEVA TO BE MADE, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO SALARY SCALES DEEMED APPROPRIATE
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IN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO INFORM GA AT 32ND SESSION OF ACTIONS TAKEN." SAID RESOLUTION CALLED FOR THREE REFORMS - TO PROVIDE FAIR SALARIES FOR STAFF CONCERNED, TO HAVE ICSC WORK OUR PRINCIPLES FOR ESTABLISHING GS SALARIES, AND TO DEAL WITH JOB CLASSIFICATIONS. JAPAN PROPOSED IN A/C.5/31/L.52 THAT GA DECIDE THAT NO SALARY BE PAID TO STAFF FOR UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES FROM WORK UNLESS FOR CERTIFIED

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MEDICAL REASONS. BELGIUM ORALLY PROPOSED DELETION OF PHRASES REFERRING

TO INTERIM PAY RAISE OF JANUARY 1977. USSR PROPOSED TWO AMENDMENTS (A/C.5/5/31/L.54): ONE OF WHICH WOULD HAVE GA DECIDED THAT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION TO RAISE SALARIES IN GENEVA SHOULD BE COVERED BY SAVINGS, INCLUDING A POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN GA POSTS IN GENEVA. USGY DEBAIN DEFENDEDTHE UN ACTION IN SETTLING THE STRIKE LAST SPRING, IN WHICH HE WAS NEGOTIATOR. DUE TO LATENESS OF HOUR AND LACK OF QUORUM, THE DEBATE WAS SUSPENDED UNTIL A LATER MEETING. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF MEETING IS CONTAINED IN USUN 6281 ENTITLED "G-LEVEL PROBLEM IN GENEVA ".

3. ITEM 92 - PROGRAM BUDGET.

(A) UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHONLGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE INTRODUCED ITS REPORT, RECOMMENDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATATION OF $323,000. AUSTRALIA (HART) SUPPORTED BY CANADA (HAHN) CONCURRED IN ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS. FRANCE (DERRE) WOULD SUPPORT ACABQ BUT THOUGHT PROJECTED COSTS OF OPI TOO HIGH. USSR AND POLAND STATED THEIR DISAGREMENT WITH WAY OF FINANCING CONFERENCE. US (STOTTELMYER) SAID HIS GOVT GAVE HIGH PRIORITY TO TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, HOPED CONFERENCE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL, AND WOULD SUPPORT PRUDENT RECOMMENDA-TIONS OF ACABQ. COMMITTEE BY 63 IN FAVOR (US) - 9 - 0 DECIDED TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO GA THAT, SHOULD IT ADOPT DRAFT RESOLUTION IN A/C.2/31/L.50/REV.1, AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF $323,000 WOULD BE REQURED AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 4 - $232,000, 7 - $23,000, 8 - $22,000, 9 - $24000, 10 - $22,000, 25 - $40,000 OFFSET BY EQUAL AMOUNT IN INCOME SECTION 1.

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(B) TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (TCDC). ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE INTROCUDED ITS REPORT, RECOMMENDING AN AMOUNT OF $352,000 UNDER SECTION 4 OF 1976/77 BUDGET FOR HOLDING UN CONFERENCE ON TCDC. ARGENTINA (FREIRE) WAS CONCERNED THAT AVABQ HAD MADE NO APPROPRIATIONS FOR SENIOR CONSULTAANTS OR FOR PREPARATORY WORK TO BE DONE BY ECOSOC SECRETARIAT. MSELLE, REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FROM ARGENTINA AND MEXICO, SAID ACABQ FELT THAT $112,500 REQUEST FOR CONSULTATS WOULD NOT BE NEEDED BEFORE NEXT MAY, AND THAT SYG WAS NOT PREVENTED FROM IMPLEMENTING AVAILABLE FUNDS FLEXIBLY IN THAT PERIOD. ARGENTINA THEN PROPOSED THAT $67,500 BE APPROVED FOR CONSULTAANTS. IRAN (TALIEH) SAID HE WOULD CONCUR IN ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS ON UNDERSTANDING SYG COULD REQUEST MORE FUNDS. US (STOTTLEMYER) SAID THAT WERE WAYS ADDITIONAL FUNDS COULD BE FOUND IF NEEDED AND URGED APPROVAL OF ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS. UPPER VOLTA (OUEDRAOGO), POLAND (ABRASZEWSKI) AND ALGERIA (BOUAYAD-AGHA) URGED ARGENTINA TO WITHDRAW PROPOSAL. UN CONTROLLER DEBATIN AND CHIEF OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION OF BUDGET DIV MILLS BOTH ASSURED NECESSARY FUNDS COULD BE FOUND UNDER

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ACABQ RECOMMENDATION. IN VIEW OF EXPLANATIONS, ARGENTINA WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL. BY CONSENSUS, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO INFORM GA THAT, SHOULD IT ADOPT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CONFERENCE ON TCDC, AN APPROPRIATION OF $352,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED AND THAT SYG WAS AUTHORIZED TO COMMIT FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN 1977 UNDER STANDING PROCEDURE FOR UNFORESEEN AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.
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